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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1 (previously presented). A communication device for hotel guests to communicate instructions to housekeeping services comprising a panel frame having a front side and a back side, said front side comprising:

at least one instructional display comprising an indicator, an indicator window and an instructional window, wherein said indicator is adjacent to said indicator window, and said indicator window is adjacent to said instructional window;

a room type display; and

a message display;

wherein said front side further comprises an indicator slot adjacent to said indicator window, wherein said indicator is slideably mounted in said indicator slot; and

wherein said indicator is operatively connected to said indicator window, such that when said indicator is in a first position a positive command is displayed in said indicator window, and when said indicator is not in the first position said positive command is hidden between said front side and said back side, and when said indicator is in a second position a negative command is displayed in said indicator window, and when said indicator is not in the second position said negative command is hidden between said front side and said back side, and when said indicator is in a neutral position said indicator window is empty; and

said back side comprising a means for affixing said device onto a vertical surface.

2 (canceled).

3 (canceled).

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4 (previously presented). The communication device according to claim 1, wherein said indicator slot is a vertical slot.

5 (previously presented). The communication device according to claim 1, wherein said indicator slot is a horizontal slot.

6 (canceled).

7 (withdrawn) The communication device according to claim 1, wherein said indicator is a rotateable disc operatively connected to said indicator window, such that when said rotateable disc indicator is in a first position a positive command is displayed in said indicator window, when said rotateable disc indicator is in a second position a negative command is displayed in said indicator window, and when said rotateable disc indicator is in a neutral position said indicator window is empty.

8 (withdrawn) The communication device according to claim 1, wherein said front side further comprises an indented space and said indicator is an adhesive note, wherein said adhesive note indicator is removeably affixed in said indented space such that when said adhesive note indicator is removed from said indented space and placed in a first position, said adhesive note indicator is adjacent to a positive command in said indicator window, and when said adhesive note indicator is removed from said indented space and placed in a second position, said adhesive note indicator is adjacent to a negative command in said indicator window.

9 (original). The communication device according to claim 1, wherein said instructional window comprises an instruction selected from the group consisting of "CHANGE SHEETS" and "CHANGE TOWELS."

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10 (original). The communication device according to claim 1, wherein said room type display comprises a room type indicator selected from the group consisting of "NON-SMOKING ROOM" and "SMOKING ROOM."

11 (withdrawn) The communication device according to claim 1, wherein said message display comprises a flat dry-erase surface.

12 (withdrawn) The communication device according to claim 1, wherein said message display comprises a note pad.

13 (original). The communication device according to claim 1, wherein said message display comprises a card insert, wherein a message card is removeably inserted into said message display.

14 (previously amended). A communication device for hotel guests to communicate instructions to housekeeping services comprising a panel frame having a front side and a backside, said front side comprising:

at least one instructional display comprising an indicator slot, an indicator window, and an instructional window, said indicator slot being adjacent to said indicator window, and said indicator window being adjacent to said instructional window; said front side further comprising an indicator slideably mounted in said indicator slot, said indicator being operatively connected to said indicator window, such that when said indicator is in a first position a positive command is displayed in said indicator window, and when said indicator is not in the first position said positive command is hidden between said front side and said back side, when said indicator is in a second position a negative command is displayed in said indicator window, and when said indicator is not in the second position said negative command is hidden between said front side and said back side, and when said indicator is in a neutral position said indicator window is empty; and

said back side comprising a means for affixing said device onto a vertical surface.

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15 (original). The communication device according to claim 14, wherein said slot is a vertical slot.

16 (original). The communication device according to claim 14, wherein said slot is a horizontal slot.

17 (original). The communication device according to claim 14, wherein said instructional window comprises an instruction selected from the group consisting of "CHANGE SHEETS" and "CHANGE TOWELS."

18 (original). The communication device according to claim 14, wherein said room type display comprises a room type indicator selected from the group consisting of "NON-SMOKING ROOM" and "SMOKING ROOM."

19 (withdrawn) The communication device according to claim 14, wherein said message display comprises a flat dry-erase surface.

20 (withdrawn) The communication device according to claim 14, wherein said message display comprises a note pad.

21 (cancel).

22-27 (cancel).

28 (withdrawn). A communication device for hotel guests to communicate instructions to housekeeping services comprising a panel frame having a front side and a backside, said front side comprising:

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at least one instructional display comprising an indicator, an indicator window, and an instructional window, wherein said indicator is a rotateable disc operatively connected to said indicator window, such that when said rotateable disc indicator is in a first position a positive command is displayed in said indicator window, when said rotateable disc indicator is in a second position a negative command is displayed in said indicator window, and when said indicator is in a neutral position said indicator window is empty;

a room type display; and
a message display.

29 (withdrawn). The communication device according to claim 28, wherein said instructional window comprises an instruction selected from the group consisting of "CHANGE SHEETS" and "CHANGE TOWELS."

30 (withdrawn). The communication device according to claim 28, wherein said room type display comprises a room type indicator selected from the group consisting of "NON-SMOKING ROOM" and "SMOKING ROOM."

31 (withdrawn). The communication device according to claim 28, wherein said message display comprises a flat dry-erase surface.

32 (withdrawn). The communication device according to claim 28, wherein said message display comprises a note pad.

33 (withdrawn). The communication device according to claim 28, wherein said message display comprises a card insert, wherein a message card is removeably inserted into said message display.

34 (canceled).

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35 (previously presented). A communication device for hotel guests to communicate instructions to housekeeping services comprising a panel frame having a front side and a backside, said front side comprising:

at least one instructional display comprising an instructional indicator and an instructional window, wherein said instructional window comprises at least one set of instructions and said instructional indicator is slideably affixed to said indicator window, such that said indicator slides over said set of instructions;

a room availability indicator; and

a message display; and

said backside comprising means for affixing said device to a vertical surface.

36 (original). The communication device according to claim 35, wherein said instructional display comprises a first set of instructions and an second set of instructions, such that when said instructional indicator is in a first position, said instructional indicator covers said first set of instructions displaying said second set of instructions, and when said instructional indicator is in a second position, said instructional indicator covers said second set of instructions displaying said first set of instructions.

37 (original). The communication device according to claim 35, wherein said first set of instruction is "MAKE UP ROOM" and said second set of instructions is "DO NOT DISTURB."

38 (withdrawn) The communication device according to claim 35, wherein said room availability indicator comprises a rotateable disc, wherein available times are imprinted on an outer edge of said rotateable disc.

39 (original). A communication device for hotel guests to communicate instructions to housekeeping services comprising a panel frame having a front side and a backside, said front side comprising:

means for communicating instructions to housekeeping services;
means for indicating room availability; and
means for displaying a message.

40 (new). A hotel communication device comprising a panel frame having a back side and a front side, wherein said back side comprises means for affixing said device to a vertical surface; and said front side comprises:

a message display;
a room type display; and

at least one indicator display, wherein said indicator display comprises an indicator slot, an indicator window, and an instructional window; wherein said indicator slot is adjacent to said indicator window, and said indicator window is adjacent to said instructional window, and wherein said indicator window comprises a positive command and a negative command, and said indicator slot comprises an indicator slideably affixed to said slot, wherein when said indicator is in a first position said indicator is adjacent to said positive command and when said indicator is in a second position said indicator is adjacent to said negative command.

41 (new). The hotel communication device according to claim 40, wherein said indicator slot is a vertical slot.

42 (new). The hotel communication device according to claim 40, wherein said message display comprises a card insert, wherein said card insert is removeably inserted into said message display.

43 (new). The hotel communication device according to claim 40, wherein said instructional window comprises an instruction selected from the group consisting of "CHANGE SHEETS" and "CHANGE TOWELS."

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44 (new). The hotel communication device according to claim 40, wherein said room type display comprises an instruction selected from the group consisting of "NON-SMOKING ROOM" and "SMOKING ROOM."

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